

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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<b>Examiner</b>	Hung K. Vu	<b>Customer No.</b>	23669
<b>Application Title</b>	EXTERNAL POWER RING WITH MULTIPLE TAPINGS TO REDUCE IR DROP IN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT		
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### RESPONSE A – AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 1/18/2007, with a shortened statutory period of response set to expire 2/19/07, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Conclusions** begin on page 11 of this paper.